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2. On 11 May, the Delius Kaserne was occupied to capacity by an artillery unit. Troops received close-order drill in the billeting area. (2)

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25X1 3. Only a few soldiers were seen in the billeting area of the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz on 11 May. The main gate was locked. [redacted] 15 officers and 60 men remained in the installation.

4. The Heeresbeschlagschule (German Army horseshoers' school) behind the Kavallerie Schule, quartered from 200 to 300 troops. [redacted]

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25X1 25X1 [redacted] the tank unit from the Heeresbeschlagschule had also left for a troon training grounds. [redacted]

25X1 5. [redacted] On 10 May, about 200 troops wearing motor transport insignia on their epaulets assembled in the Garde du Corps Kaserne on Berlinerstrasse. A convoy of 15 empty trucks, each occupied by 2 soldiers, left the installation toward Babelsberg. The [redacted] section of the installation which housed the German city police headquarters was separated from the Soviet-occupied quarters by a wooden fence.

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25X1 7. A unit marching out of the Delius Kaserne on 9 May consisted of a military band, 24 officers, 240 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 60 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets. All the EM were unarmed and had closely cropped hair.

8. [redacted] Activity of the troops in the Delius Kaserne between 10 and 16 May was described as follows:

Date	Recruits	Trained Personnel	All Troops
10 May	Individual rifle and submachine gun drill from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Instruction from 1 to 3 p.m.	Maintenance work in the garages and gun sheds. Vehicles and guns received a new coat of olive drab paint. Engines of trucks and caterpillar tractors were checked	Political indoctrination from 5 to 7 p.m.
11 May	Record practice at the Katharinengholz range. [redacted]	Same as on 10 May	

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Recruits</u>	<u>Trained Personnel</u>	<u>All Troops</u>
12 May	Individual rifle and submachine gun drill from 9:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Policing of quarters and bathing after 1 p.m.	Same as on 10 May	
15 May	Instruction on 4 caterpillar tractors from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classroom instruction from 1 to 3 p.m.	Same as on 10 May	Political indoctrination from 5 to 7 p.m.
16 May	Departure toward Krampnitz on 5 trucks and 4 caterpillar tractors, allegedly for a road march to Doeberitz, as stated by a sergeant.	Same as on 10 May	

9. On 11 May, elements of the engineer unit with 32 trucks, each carrying two pontoon sections and beams, were in front of the Delius Kaserne.

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The convoy left toward Leipziger Chaussee.

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the trucks had come from the Roenigswaard

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10. On 16 May, the barracks installation in Wildpark-West was only partially occupied. There was no vehicular traffic. The eastern border of the billeting area was moved farther to the west and the border now crosses the Grosser Entenfaengerberg (hill). Twelve wooden sheds, surrounded by a wire fence, were observed in the area of the Wildwaerter (gamewarden's) house. In about the middle April, boxes with ammunition were unloaded there. A fuel dump was located in the southeastern corner of the billeting area of Wildpark-West. Unoccupied low wooden barracks were situated just west of the dump. Light wooden bunkers with observation slits opening to the east were located west of the Bayrisches Haus (Bavarian House), and miniature villages were built between those bunkers and the Bayrisches Haus, apparently for training artillery observers. All roads in the woods at Wildpark-West were used by driving-school vehicles. Numerous traffic-signs in German were erected along them.

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A building near Kunfort housed German forestry employees and another building a Soviet telephone exchange.

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[redacted] the western section of the installation was vacated, while the eastern section still quartered a guard detachment and a driving school with 10 to 12 trucks. The units from the installation allegedly moved to Altengrabow (N 53/Z 00), Magdeburg (N 53/Y 60) and Templin (N 54/U 81). (4)

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(2) The information in paragraphs 2 and 3 confirm that the elements of the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig were still in their quarters on 11 May 1951.

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[redacted] Since the division was stationed on the Crimean Peninsula prior to the war, it is conceivable that the division returned to the Crimean Peninsula after the war.

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(4) The departure of the units from the Kavallerie Schule is thus confirmed [redacted]. The units' departure to Magdeburg, probably to Letzling Heath, and to Templin, as stated in paragraph 11 of the present report, is known from previous reports on rail movements. However, a movement of units from the installation to Altengrabow has not been reported.

(5) The convoy belonged to the unidentified engineer regiment of the GOFG in Potsdam. It is doubted that the trucks came from Koeligsvald, since the quarters there were reported vacant in February 1951.

(6) Compare with a report of 8 May 1951 [redacted] the General Wever Kaserne in Gohl quartered only a guard detail of artillerymen. [redacted] On the basis of the reference and the present report, it is believed that the unidentified artillery brigade stationed in the barracks installations in Wildpark-West and Gohl is at Altengrabow for summer training. For sketch of the barracks installation in Wildpark-West see Annex 1. Another sketch of the installation was attached to a previous report [redacted]

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Annex : 1 sketch on ditto

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